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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member and a second material that is substantially non-transparent, the elongated member having one or more legs that are adapted to extend at least partially into and secure the elongated member to a relatively planar substrate.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first material and the second material are integrally formed.

4. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first material and the second material are formed separately and subsequently secured together.

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5. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein selected legs include a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg.

6. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the elongated member includes two or more legs each having a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg, each tooth being adapted to engage a back side of the substrate after the two or more legs are inserted through a hole in the substrate.

7. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the one or more legs extend continuously along the length of the elongated member.

8. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the one or more legs are spaced along the length of the elongated member.

9. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

10. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the elongated

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light source is a linear emitting fiber.

11. (Original) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the elongated member having one or more legs each with one or more substrate engagers, wherein the one or more substrate engagers are adapted to engage a back side of the substrate after the one or more legs are inserted through a hole in the substrate.

12. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a ~~an upper~~ first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the ~~upper~~ first surface of the elongated ~~member~~ body and a second material that is substantially non-transparent; and

one or more legs that extend out from one or more of the other surfaces of the elongated body, the one or more legs including means to aid in securing the elongated body directly to a relatively planar substrate.

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13. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the one or more legs extend out into a substrate to help secure the elongated member to the substrate.

14. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated body is made from a material having elastomeric properties.

15. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body.

16. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the removable portion includes a different material than the remainder of the elongated body.

17. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the removable portion includes a material that has different elastomeric properties than the remainder of the elongated body.

18. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for a relatively planar substrate,

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comprising:

an elongated member adapted to be positioned in or adjacent to the substrate, the elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, and one or more integrally formed legs that extend from the elongated member and are adapted to extend into the substrate to help secure the elongated member to the substrate.

19. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to a first outer surface of the elongated member, wherein the first outer surface is visible from outside of the substrate.

20. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the substrate includes a material that can be initially provided in a liquid or semi-liquid state, and then cured or hardened to a more solid state around the one or more legs of the elongated member.

21. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

22. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the elongated

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light source is a linear emitting fiber.

23. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated ~~member~~ body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated ~~member~~ body, the elongated ~~member~~ body further including a non-transparent material that extends between the cavity and an outer surface of the elongated ~~member~~ body; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that is adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

24. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member, the elongated member having one or more legs that are adapted to secure the elongated member to a substrate, selected legs having

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one or more teeth that extend laterally away from the selected legs, ~~each~~ at least selected ones of the teeth ~~teeth~~ being adapted to engage a back side of the substrate after the selected legs are inserted through a hole in the substrate.

25. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 24 wherein the elongated member includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

26. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member, the elongated member having one or more integral legs that are adapted to secure the elongated member to a substrate, wherein the one or more integral legs are spaced at intervals along the length of the elongated member.

27. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having ~~an upper~~ a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the

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cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the ~~upper~~ first surface of the elongated ~~member~~ body, the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.